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SUBJ: NEW PRC CONTAINER FACILITY AT HSINKANG

1. OFFICIALS OF APL INVITED
TO PEKING BY THE CHINA NATIONAL CHARTERING CORPORATION HAVE
BRIEFED USLO ON THEIR RECENT VISIT TO HSINKANG PORT
FACILITIES.

2. OFFICIALS WERE TAKEN TO NEW CONTAINER FACILITY UNDER
CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEW PORT AREA, CONSISTING OF A 500 FOOT
BERTH, THREE 40 TON CONTAINER CRANES, AND A HOLDING
FACILITY WHICH EXTENDS SOME 300 TO 400 FEET IN BACK OF
THE BERTH. WHEN THE OFFICIALS VISITED, THE CHINESE
WERE POURING CONCRETE FOR THE HOLDING FACILITY. ENTIRE FACILITY,
INCLUDING CRANES, WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED BY CHINESE.
ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, AN EXPERT IN THIS
FIELD, SAID THAT WHEN IT IS FINISHED, THE HSINKANG
CONTAINER FACILITY WILL BE UP TO WORLD STANDARDS.
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3. THE FIRM OFFICIALS WERE TOLD THE CONTAINER FACILITY
WOULD BE IN OPERATION IN EARLY 1979. THIS FACILITY WILL
BE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE CHINA NATIONAL
CHARTERING CORPORATION, NOT THE HSINKANG PORT AUTHORITIES.
APPARENT INTENT IS TO IMPROVE THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
OF THE FACILITY.

4. COMMENT: CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE
PORT, BUT LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT EITHER RAIL CARS
OR HEAVY CRANES AT THE OTHER ENDS OF THE LINES.
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